

City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts
January 17, 2017, Sherwood Center

Members Present: Laura Hills (Chair), Jeff Seffens, Armistice Turtora, Sharon Chang, Patricia Gallagher, Carol Caputo, Claudia Lewis, Alice Bredin-Karny, Mary Lechter, Harry Wilbur, Jessica Kallista, Molly Grimsley

Absent: Ruth Bandler, Jason Scadron

Staff: Jo Ormesher, Kelly O'Brien, Planner

Visitors: Paul Cunningham, Chairman, Planning Commission, Tom Armstrong, Planning Commission

The formal COA meeting began at 7.01PM.

Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comments.

Laura turned the floor over to Kelly O'Brien who gave a presentation of the Fairfax City Comprehensive Goals and Outcomes project which the City is working on. Paul Cunningham, Chair of the Planning Commission, and Tom Armstrong, of the Planning Commission also attended. COA members were invited to Planning Commission meetings

Action: Any COA members who have comments about the plan should send directly to Kelly, copy Jo.
Action: Jo will provide a copy of the COA Strategic Plan to COA members who need it for comparison.

Announcements

Laura announced she was going to aim to have COA meetings end by 9-915PM.

Review of minutes

The minutes were reviewed; one change was made. Claudia made a motion to accept the minutes as amended; Jeff seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Jeff presented the most recent Profit and Loss and balance sheets. He had made some updated adjustments as the reports originally provided to members were dated Dec 31, 2016.

Announcements

Jo received a card from Randy Lytton with his new contact information.
Jo received a card from Jean Agee updating members with her news.
Jo provided a PRAB report.

Old Business

OTHPs Ushering Schedule

Pat reviewed the January and February schedules.

Action--Pat will continue to send reminders to ushers.

Public Art Committee

Carol reported on the meeting the Public Art Committee (PAC) had with Kirk Holley. His group is mainly concentrating on Main Street; landscaping is currently in progress.

Action: Carol will set up a meeting for the PAC to continue the conversation.

Action: Send any suggestions for artwork to Carol.

Action: Carol is going to review all the information she has.

ArtScreen Final Report

Harry reported that the film festival was successful; participants were enthusiastic and the panelists engaging. Over 100 children and parents participated in the children's event---thank you to Alice. Jeff is completing the final financial report; Harry thinks we will come under budget. Laura has sent out 17 thank you letters. The Film Festival Committee met in January and is planning the fall 2017 festival which may extend to three days (if approved by COA). As Harry is moving, Jeff will take over the position of Chair; Jason will be the Cinema Arts liaison; Alice will coordinate the children's day, Laura will coordinate the PR and be the project manager; Jo will coordinate the marketing.

Action: Explore more ways to have more people attend.

Action: Provide more diversity in films.

Action: Mary will work with GMU and possibly NOVA to try to engage their students in the festival.

Annual Commission on the Arts Awards

The event will be April 27, currently scheduled upstairs in Old Town Hall. The past format will be continued.

Action: We need the guest lists from the honorees.

Action: Jo will check schedules to confirm if event conflicts with theatre event downstairs in Old Town Hall; if it does, she and Mary will work out a new date or new venue.

New Business

Grants

The Executive Committee will meet on January 23, 2017 at 6.30PM to discuss grants guidelines.

Meeting with PRAB

Laura has invited PRAB to attend one of our upcoming COA meetings.

PRAB/COA Member

Harry is the COA's current representative at the PRAB meetings. Since he will be moving in a few months, COA needs to choose a new representative. PRAB meets the second Thursday of the month.

Action: If a member is interested in being the COA representative for PRAB, please let Laura know.

Partner Updates

PRAB

Jo provided the PRAB report earlier in the evening.

Art League

Carol updated all on the upcoming exhibitions. The Art League is looking for new members.

CFBA

Jeff said the Band is coordinating their upcoming Honor Flights Schedule and are moving forward with their Normandy event/trip.

Member Time

Harry made a motion to adjourn; Carol seconded the motion; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8.54PM.